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Yellow-Rumped Warbler

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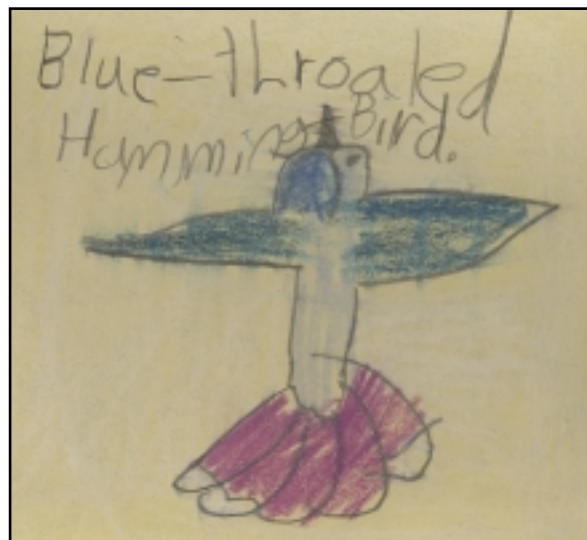


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Blue-Throated Hummingbird

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BLM - What Is It?

BLM was established in 1946 when the Grazing Service merged with the General Land Office. The Bureau of Land Management is an agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior.

BLM's mission is to keep health, variety, and productivity of your public lands in good condition for people to enjoy now and in the future.

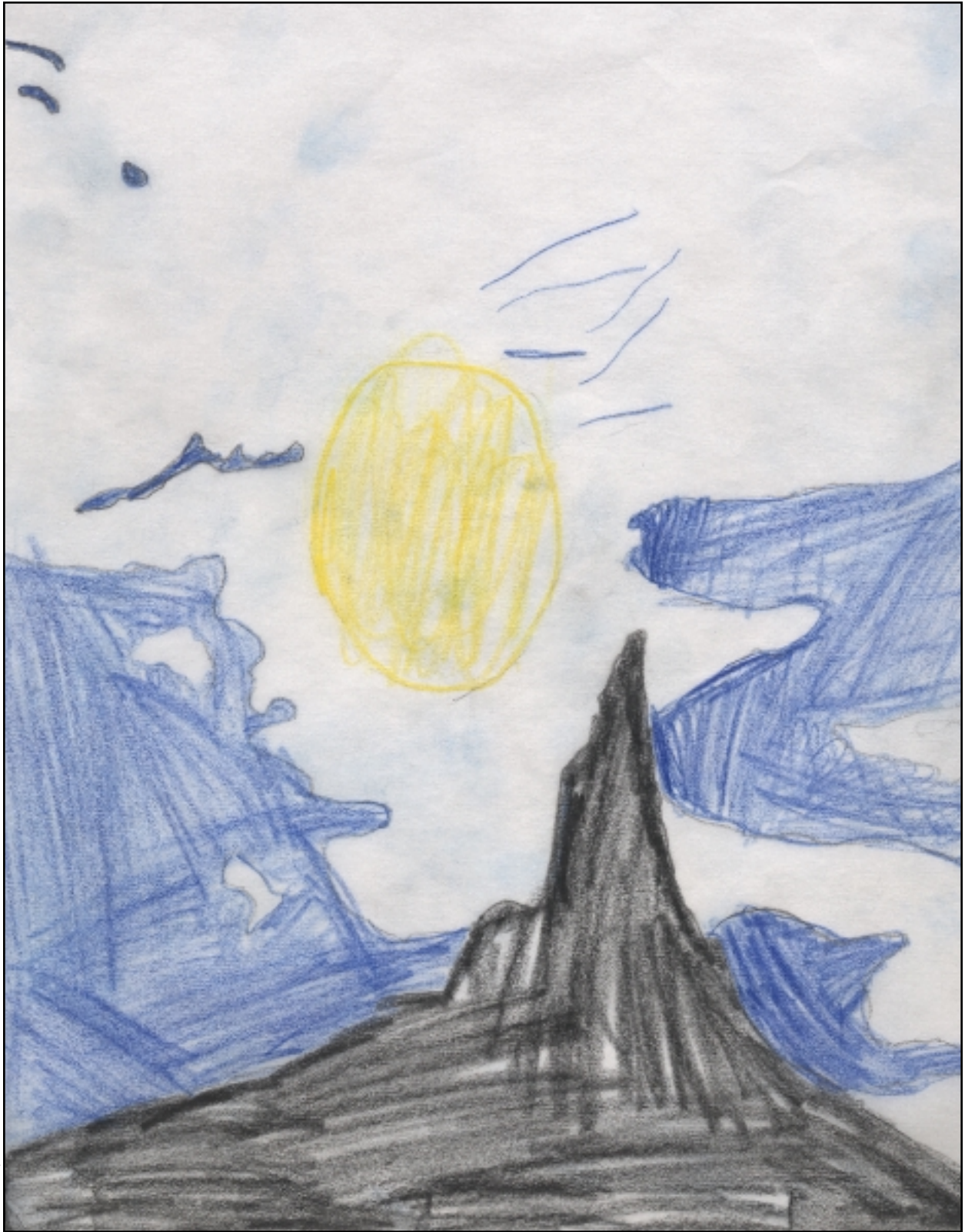
The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for 264 million acres of public land and about 700 million acres of subsurface mineral resources.



People looking at the outstanding sites of BLM.



Visual resource management maintaining the scenic beauty of public lands for the use and enjoyment of today's and tomorrow's generations.



BLM makes this world a better place for you and me.

BLM - Where Is It?

Which states have BLM land in them? Well — Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and the Eastern States all have sections owned and controlled by the Bureau of Land Management, including Montana, which controls the BLM land in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The BLM land in Wyoming and Nebraska is controlled by the Wyoming office. Oregon and Washington's land is controlled by the BLM Office in Oregon.



BLM photo

People go up in hot air balloons to see the beautiful BLM land site.



BLM photo

A cowboy is herding the cattle into the flat lands of BLM.

BLM - What Does It Do?

BLM keeps the land from being destroyed by pollution. It keeps the animals' homes from being demolished by people moving in and building malls and homes.

BLM also helps people to learn about the wildlife that lives on BLM land. People are able to go fishing, hunting, hiking, and horse-back riding on the BLM land.

BLM also protects wildflowers from being extinct. People are not allowed to pick wildflowers for that reason in certain areas.

BLM determines how much resources are used and by whom.

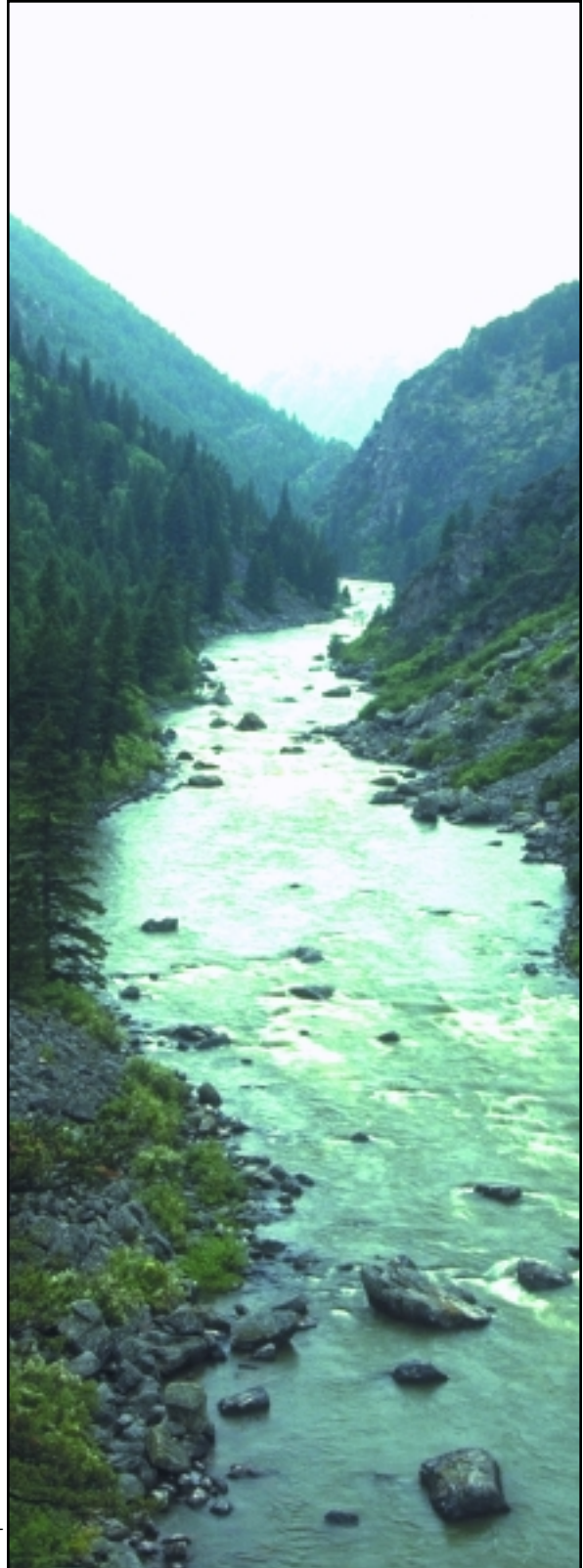
The previous articles were written and edited by Mary Kate Doran, Erin Dowds, and Jessica McNichols. All the members of the BLM Production Team researched and compiled the information.

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There are many different kinds of birds on BLM lands.

BLM photo



Beautiful rivers separate the enormous mountains.

Interviews With BLM Specialists

The following specialists were interviewed by selected children for “Take your Kids to Work” day. Hopefully you will find this section interesting.

Wild Horses and Burros

Interview with: Dick Stark

Interview by: Steven Thatcher and Lindzey Dehn

Q) I understand you are a wild horse and burro manager for BLM, is that correct?

A) Yes

Q) Does BLM have a lot of wild horses and burros? How many? Where do they come from?

A) About 50,000 total, 40,000 horses and 10,000 burros. They escaped from farms and ranches.

Q) Are there too many out there on BLM land?

A) Yes, 35,000 animals out on public lands. If you add the burros and horses, that's way too many!



BLM photo

BLM manages wild horses and burros.



BLM photo

See the beautiful wild burros in the gorgeous valleys.

Q) What do you do when there are too many?

A) Gather the excess and sell them to people who want to adopt them.

Q) Where do you keep them?

A) Corrals on BLM land.

Q) What do people do with the horses and burros after they adopt them?

A) Use them for riding, for work, and race with them.

Q) Do people treat them well after adoption?

A) Most people take good care of them. Sometimes people will abuse them.

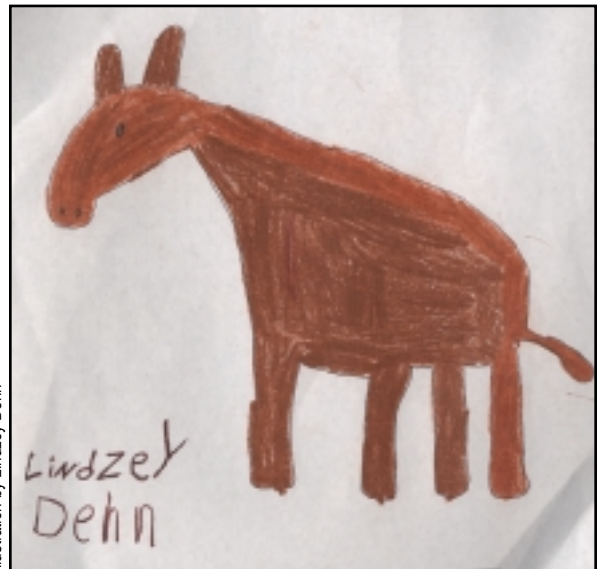


Illustration by Lindzey Dehn

Wildlife

Interview with: Bruce Durtsche

Interview by: Jared O'Neill and Shea Stone

Q) I understand you help BLM manage the wildlife on BLM land, is that correct?

A) Yes, but one thing that we do is different than Colorado Fish and Wildlife. We manage the habitat not the animals.

Q) Why did you become a wildlife biologist? How did you become one?

A) I like being outdoors and I became one by going to college and getting a degree.

Q) What kind of wildlife does BLM have?

A) Every animal that lives on the Western side we have a part in.

Q) What is wildlife habitat?

A) Habitat is a home for an animal if they need food, cover, water, and space.

Bighorn Sheep by Shea Stone

What states do bighorn sheep live in?

Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Texas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota

Do you know why bighorn sheep don't live in the East?

They don't have the right kind of habitat.

What do they need?

Food, cover, water, and space.

What is a habitat?

A place where animals can survive.

Q) What do you do as a wildlife biologist at BLM?

A) Manage the habitat so the animal can stay alive.



Illustration by Shea Stone

Bighorn Sheep live on BLM land.

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Exotic wildlife is seen at the sites of BLM.

Illustration by Nikki Campbell



Broad-billed Hummingbird

BLM photo



See the enormous rock formations on BLM lands.

Recreation

Interview with: Vicky Josupait

Interview by: Chris Vial and Rachel Welch

Q) I understand that you help manage recreation on BLM lands, is that correct?

A) Vicki: yes that is correct. I help manage all sorts of things on BLM lands.

Q) What kinds of recreational things do people do on BLM land?

A) Well, we do all sorts of things like boating, rafting, hiking, hang gliding, and ballooning.

Q) Can anyone come and play on BLM lands?

A) Yes, it's my land, it's your land, it's all the taxpayers'.

Q) What is the #1 activity this year?

A) The #1 activity is camping.

Q) Do you pick mushrooms? And why?

A) People pick them because of hobby or for food. But when you pick them for food, you need to make sure it's edible.

Q) Do you do anything in the air?

A) Yes, hang gliding, rock climbing, etc.

Q) What about hunting?

A) Well people do hunt, but it depends on the season and they have to get a license every season.

Q) I saw bunnies running around. Do you let them roam?

A) Yes, in fact we encourage them to.

Q) How long have you been working for BLM?

A) 2 and 1/2 years.

Q) Is it fun?

A) Yes, because I like to travel.

Q) How much land is fishable?

A) 25,000 miles are for fishing.

Q) And last, what is your favorite animal?

A) Pandas.



Illustration by Nikki Campbell

Bird watching is popular.



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Fishing is also popular

About This Book

BLM: Kids Taking Over Parents' Jobs was produced by the BLM Production Team as part of the "Take Your Children to Work" program on April 26, 2001. Members of this group ranged in age from 6 years old to 14 years old and were in 1st through 8th grade. Members of the group included:

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Steven Thatcher and Lindzey Dehn interviewing Dick Stark about wild horses.



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